three years under RLEGP has been as under:—

(In million mandays)

1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
3.20	257·55	237·99

The target for generation if employment during Seventh plan is an averaged of 200 million mandays per annum.

Usa Agency for Adoption of Indian Children

2894. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 7th February, 1987 captioned 'Buck foundation plans to adopt Indian kids' wherein it has been said that Government have given Licence to the Pearl S. Buck Foundation in Perkasie, Pennsylvania to handle adoption of Indian children;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the children taken from India for adoption to foreign countries have been exploited in one way or the other; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what safeguards the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Pearls S. Buck Foundation, Inc. Green Hills Farm, Bucks Country Perkasie, U.S.A. has been 'enlisted' to sponsor cases of foreign prospective adoptive parents through an Indian recognised voluntary agency which processes and files the application for the adoption of child in the competent court in India.

(c) and (d) The Government have not come across any such case. However, the Supreme Court Judgement in Writ Petition No. 1171/1982, is being strictly implemented and only such voluntary agencies, both in India and abroad, as have been recognised/"enlisted" by Government are permitted to process cases of adoption of Indian children by foreign parents. Besides, particulars of Indian children as well as foreign adoptive parents are periodically communicated to our Missions abroad to keep an unobtrusive watch on the well-being of the children.

Cultivation of Jojoba Plant

2895. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTNRE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the cultivation of Jojoba plant in the sand zones in Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether trials have been completed to extract oil from Jojoba seeds in the experimental firms in all the four States;

(c) what is the value of the oil extracted per hectare in all these four States;

(d) whether Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute is experimenting on any other similar plants of foreign origin in unfertile soil; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Jojoba is being tried on an experimental basis by Central Salt and

Marine Chemicals Research Institute at Bhawnagar and Zanjmer in Gujarat. Central Arid Zone Research Institute has been evaluating its performance at Jodhpur. Some experiments have been conducted at Mettupalayam (Tamil Nadu) and in coastal area of Orissa. At all these places it is still under experimentation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The data on relative economics of its cultivation on field scale is not available as it is still under evaluation.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute is trying Guayule for rubber as an alternative source. It is also under experimentation.

Improved Packing of Processed Foodstuff

2896. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NAFED is planning to improve packing of processed foodstuff for export and if so, the details thereof indicating the percentage of cost of packaging of each product *vis-a-vis* the contents;

(b) whether Government propose to fix maximum producers' and consumers' prices of all items being exported as the consumers prices are being raised to very high level by middlemen; and

(c) what is the annual production of items exported by NAFED as on 1st April 1970, 1st April, 1980 and Ist April, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) NAFED is conscious of improved packing as an aid to export of processed foodstuffs. It has, however, not yet formulated any project for the purpose.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) NAFED maintains records and accounts on Cooperative Year basis (July—June). The figures regarding production and export are as under:—

Value (Rs. in Lakh)

Year (as on 30th June)	Gross production	Export
1970	Nil	Nil
1980	117·67	30.20
1985	216·35	66.31

2897. [*Transferred to the 19th March, 1987.*]

Working of bidies connected with price rise resstance consumers' movement

2898. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of official and non-official bodies and associations connected with the price rise resistance consumers' movement in the country, State-wise, till December, 1986;

(b) the number and names of such non-official bodies and associations receiving financial help from Government; and

(c) whether any assessment has been made of the working of these bodies by Government?